

FLASHING MONEY IN PUBLIC GETS HIS HEAD TAPPED

As a result of a habit of flashing money in public, Stephen Rida, forty-two years old, of 413 G street northwest, today is in the Baltimore city jail awaiting action of the grand jury. State's witness against the man charged with knocking him down and robbing him of money and a suitcase filled with whiskey.

This is the second time Rida's penchant for showing his "roll" in public has got him "tapped on the head." According to his landlady, Mrs. Mary Reeder, about four months ago Rida was flashing money in a restaurant at Fourth and G streets, a block from his home. As he left the place a thing followed him and hit him on the head with a bottle, knocking him unconscious. A woman saw the incident, raised her window and yelled for the police, scaring off the robber.

"Rida," said Mrs. Reeder, "is industrious and carried a large roll of money around all the time, and will not take any one's advice about putting it in a bank."

Rida was found by the Baltimore police lying in an alley in the slum district. Taken to the station he related how he had come to Baltimore, got a suitcase filled with whiskey for Christmas, and had been followed by a man who saw him pull out his money in a saloon. The last he knew something hit him on the back of the head.

The suitcase and pocketbook were recovered by the police, but both were empty. Leo Daly, of 508 South Bethel street, Baltimore, was arrested charged with the robbery, and Rida was held in \$100 bail as State's witness. As his money was gone he will remain in jail until the grand jury acts on the case, or some of his friends bail him.

VESSEL'S MOVEMENTS KNOWN TO U-BOAT CREW

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Dec. 26.—Gov. R. L. Beekman of Rhode Island, who carried a personal message of the President to the troops in France, has arrived here.

On the same ship was William H. Thompson, head of the American Red Cross mission to Russia. He is returning to the United States to make a report of the conditions in that country.

That the crew of a U-boat taken after their vessel had been destroyed knew when an American transport left the United States and that the submarine lay in wait to sink her, was the statement of several enlisted men of the American navy who were passengers on the steamship. According to the German prisoners, who were taken to England, they knew "all about the departure of the steamship, but the submarine had failed to sink her because of the vigilance of her convoy."

YOUR 25 CENTS CAN HELP IN REBUILDING OF FRENCH VILLAGE

Would you like to help rebuild one of the most beautiful old French villages by contributing 25 cents to the Daughters of the American Revolution are raising?

If you do, you can see official war films released by the War Department for the first time Friday next at 2:30 o'clock, in the auditorium of Woodward & Lothrop's. This benefit entertainment is under the auspices of the District Daughters of the American Revolution, and is their share to the \$51,000 fund.

Tilloy, a village on the Evonne river, was laid waste by the invasion of the Germans. It is in La Picardie, the green fields of Picardie of which the English poets used to sing—but, alas, as the daughter of the mayor of the village would do you can have a sigh, for Tilloy's beauty and romance is buried beneath the ashes and debris of the boche's vandalism.

Plan Is Idea of French Girl.

The plan to rebuild the village is the result of an appeal made by the daughter of the mayor of the village to a wealthy American friend. She asks for aid for the little broken city—once so like a toyland—with its miniature one-story brick houses capped with red-tiled roofs. These little houses, huddled so snugly together, seemed so secure from the broils of the world.

Here are excerpts from the letter of the daughter of the mayor of the village of Tilloy:

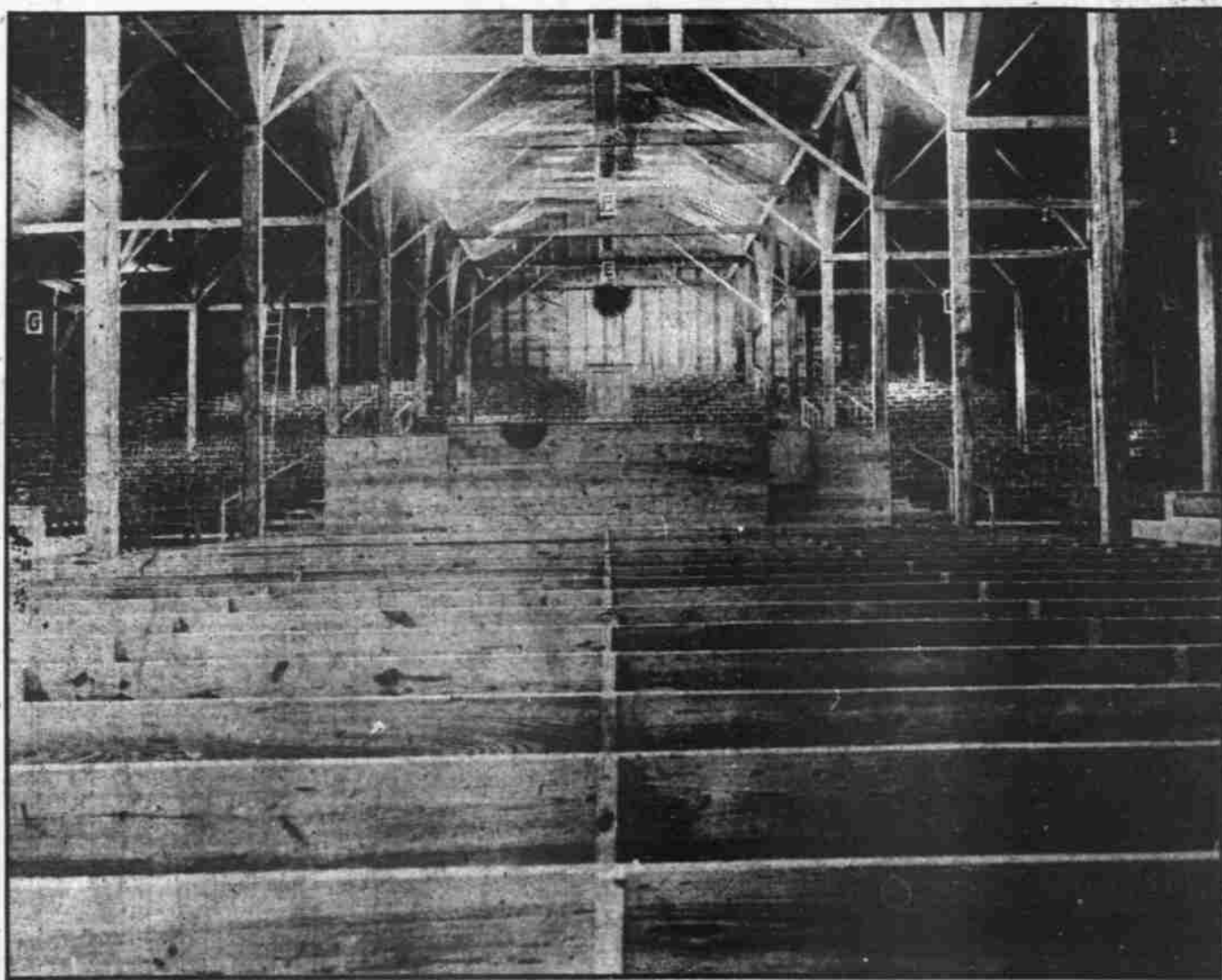
"I am here to see the village and our old home, which we left three years ago. (Taken by the Germans then.) All about me is desolation. Two houses only are left. Many of the 400 inhabitants are mournfully trying to find trace of where their homes once stood. There is no shelter for them. (They are now living in the barracks in the village.) They are so eager to begin over again, to start their little homes, to work their fields. My father is the maire of the village. You know his name is Monsieur d'Hinnislad. He is building a tiny shack to live in. The village was all so pretty, and now it is so sad. Weeds are growing in the streets and nearby are many tombs of many soldiers—alas—many of them are well known graves."

Sixty Houses Planned.

The National Daughters had "bars that bear," and answered this appeal with announcement of definite plans of reconstruction. Sixty houses costing \$600 apiece will be built; they will furnish each with a set of furniture at \$100 a set, sixty sets of farming implements will be given the farmers, and \$2,000 worth of cattle will be divided among the villagers.

Actual reconstruction plans will begin February 1. Delano & Aldrich, a well-known architectural firm, has offered its services. It is probable that one of their representatives will be sent over there at any time.

Here's the Arena Where Billy Will Battle Satan



Interior view of the big tabernacle on Union Station plaza, where Billy Sunday will denounce vice and hypocrisy and Teutonic fiendishness. The building is in early next month. The structure will be opened for the first time to night when one of the big choruses will assemble for a rehearsal.

PRESIDENT JOINS 2,000 SOLDIERS AT KEITH'S

President Wilson and more than 2,000 enlisted men from the camps around Washington were guests of Mrs. Aronsted Peters, jr., yesterday at Keith's.

Mrs. Peters bought the entire house for the "Sammy's" and not a civilian was in attendance.

The President, who had passed up church and golf to spend Christmas at home, readily accepted Mrs. Peters' invitation to be a guest with the boys in khaki. Those in the party besides the President were Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. W. H. Bolling, Miss Margaret Wilson, Bertha Bolling and Mr. Sayre, the President's son-in-law.

ACTOR AT GAYETY STARTED CAREER AS PRIZE FIGHTER

A friendly tip, handed to him when he was furiously engaged in a pugilistic encounter in San Francisco one night ten years ago, proved the turning point in the life of Harry Cooper, heading "The Sporting Widows" at the Gayety Theater this week. Cooper was almost on the verge of being knocked out in this particular battle when an admirer of his opponent leaned through the ropes and shouted to the exhausted fighter:

"Why don't you quit fighting and be an actor?"

That settled the question of what should be the future career of the burlesque star, who had achieved quite a reputation on the Pacific coast as a scientific pugilist. He was outwitted and outclassed when pitted against his heavier opponent, and this defeat caused him to abandon the ring game forever and take up seriously the question of becoming an actor.

A few months afterward Cooper got his chance. It was an offer from a vaudeville manager to appear in a local amateur offering. The comedian made good, and that appearance was his first on any stage. Since that time, in the ten years that Cooper has spent in vaudeville and burlesque, the comedian has played in practically every city of consequence in this country.

Cooper will be remembered by old time vaudeville patrons as a member of the team of Kolb and Dill. When Dill abandoned the footlights, Cooper became partner with Kolb in a black-face comedy sketch. He took part in several other vaudeville creations before leaving that field for burlesque.

The gayety star is confident that burlesque will be elevated year by year until it takes its place by the side of the legitimate shows as a wholesome amusement for the American theatergoing public.

PAPER MONEY FOR XMAS GIFTS; GOLD TOO SCARCE

TARRYTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 26.—John D. Rockefeller and Mrs. Finley J. Sheppard played Santa Claus yesterday. Because of the scarcity of gold, however, they abandoned their usual custom of giving gold pieces and distributed \$5 and \$10 bills instead.

JOHN W. GARLAND, BLIND ORGANIST, DIES IN HOSPITAL

For forty years John W. Garland, blind since childhood, when acid was put in his eyes by mistake, threw all his soul into the music of the organ. His sensitive hands traveling over the keyboards of the Fifth Baptist Church instrument.

In 1905, feebleness and ill-health made the effort too much for him. Rarer and rarer became the occasions when "Toby" Garland felt his way to church and took his seat before the pipes.

Today he lies dead at his living place, 629 Tenth street northeast, where his body was removed from Casualty Hospital yesterday after he succumbed to a twenty-four-hour attack of heart disease. He was seventy years old.

Nurses at Soul's Flight.

No one except nurses and physicians was by his bedside. He has a sister living somewhere near Washington, but she has not seen him in a long time, it is said. His most intimate friend living, the Rev. John E. Briggs, pastor of the Fifth Baptist, at Six-and-a-half and E streets southwest, arrived too late to say goodbye.

The Capital's only blind organist struggled through long years of patient training at the Staunton, Va., Academy for the Blind before being graduated a first-class musician. He came here at the age of thirty, and had played for the Fifth Baptist Church ever since. Until a few years ago he lived with "Mother" Goss, at 1241 Four-and-a-half street southwest. When she died he took up his residence at the home of Mrs. Kate Weachke, herself almost blind.

Mr. Garland was a great Bible student, having read both testaments thirty times. He was a member of the Pioneer Council, No. 1, Sons of Jonadab, who will hold special services for him at the church tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

MRS. VANDERBILT AS SANTA.

NEWPORT, R. I., Dec. 26.—Elsie French Vanderbilt played Santa Claus to many poor families yesterday, presenting groceries and coal for Christmas gifts. Children of all officers and enlisted men about Newport were entertained at a Christmas tree festival by enlisted men at the Naval Training station.

BILLY SUNDAY CHOIR TO REHEARSE TONIGHT

Billy Sunday's big tabernacle, opposite the Union Station, is being fired up today ready for action tonight when choir No. 2, 1,800 singers, will unlimber in the first public rehearsal. It is the first time the great building is to be opened to the general public and every one is invited to hear the popular revival hymns, "Brighten Up the Corners" and "Ball in" which are featured at every meeting at which Billy preaches.

Percy S. Foster will direct the choir. It is composed of the best singers of the many churches affiliated with the Sunday campaign. Rehearsals of different sections of the big choir have been held in churches during the last three weeks, but the organization as a whole will rehearse for the first time tonight.

On Friday night choir No. 1, of the same number of voices, will rehearse. Later a third choir, of about 1,500 male voices, will be organized. The choir will be worked on alternate nights.

TABERNACLE READY FOR BILLY SUNDAY AND TRAIL HITTERS

The stage is set for the greatest religious drama Washington has ever seen. Not one but many trails are saw-dust covered and awaiting the tramp of sinners' feet. All that is missing from the tabernacle is the presence of the most famous preacher in the world and his two almost equally famous pianists and their instruments.

To the eye the tabernacle, completed to all intents and purposes, presents an almost somber appearance in the dim afternoon light that filters through the windows. Naked timbers and naked rows of benches thrown out across an almost unbelievable space, with the yellow saw-dust underfoot and the background of shadow in the rear of the building, give the great house a dignity and a sobriety that are incompatible with the personality of the man for whom it was built.

Dedication Planned.

And but one event of importance comes before the opening of the revival. That is the dedication of the tabernacle New Year Eve night, with the wake that is to follow immediately.

This will be the first opportunity for Washingtonians to see the big building in something that approaches the aspect it will assume when the real trail-hitting crowds are present. Space in front of the platform has been reserved for the executive and general committee and their guests, but the space to the rear is open to the public.

The program for the evening is as yet incomplete. It has been announced, however, that the Rev. James L. Gordon, pastor of the First Congregational Church, will address the meeting, and the Rev. Randolph H. McKim, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, and Rev. E. A. Barrows, pastor of the Eastern Presbyterian Church, will pray. Responsive reading will be led by Rev. E. K. Harden, pastor of the Mt. Vernon Place M. E. Church, South.

All in Readiness.

With the first service and ceremony in the tabernacle, the campaign will have practically been opened. All is in readiness for the coming of the evangelist himself, and even the smallest details of the construction work have already been attended to, even to the equipment of the bathroom where Billy will get his daily rub down.

The tabernacle, which cost about \$35,000 and will take care of 15,000 people if they keep still, has half the conveniences of a model city—hospital, restaurant, bathrooms, postoffice, and, last but not least, a pulpit, although it is not an ordinary pulpit. The arrival of the great evangelist will be the signal for the actual opening of the campaign. His first sermon will be delivered Sunday morning, January 6. There will be sermons Sunday afternoon and night. Monday there will be no sermons. This is Billy's day of rest.

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A resolution expressing the gratitude and appreciation of the American people to General Allenby for the capture of Jerusalem from the Turks and for the dignified and reverent manner in which it was accomplished is being sent to the Holy City today.

At the celebration of the capture of Jerusalem at the Belasco Theater yesterday, attended by a brilliant assemblage of Catholics, Protestants, and Jews of the National Capital, the resolution was offered by Col. Arthur E. Randle, who presided. The entire gathering rose to its feet in unanimous approval of the resolution.

Accompanying the resolution are a letter from Cardinal Gibbons expressing gratitude at the liberation of Jerusalem, the prayer offered at the celebration by Monsignor C. F. Thomas and the speeches of the Right Rev. Alfred Harding, bishop of Washington; the Rev. James Shera Montgomery, grand prelate of the Knights Templar, and Rabbi Abraham Simon.

In his letter to Colonel Randle expressing his profound regret at his inability to be present at the celebrating Cardinal Gibbons said: "I cannot let the occasion pass without expressing my hearty approval of the plan to give to Washington, the Capital of our country, public expression of gratitude to the great God for the glorious event that has put in the control of Christian nations the earthly places hallowed by our Savior's footsteps. The redemption of Jerusalem will afford great comfort to every Christian, and thrill those hearts which have looked for this event as one of the fruits of the war."

TURTLES TOO FASTIDIOUS.

GIBSON, Ind. Dec. 26.—A carload of turtles, en route East, refused meat and grain foods. Railroad employees turned 'em loose to forage for themselves. Gibson residents are fed up on turtle soup.



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